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Water Policy

GOVERNMENT'S statement on the Colony's water storage position published on Sunday is impressive, even encouraging but not entirely convincing. Expert appraisal of the situation and the prospects based on past records suggest the authorities, at least, are optimistic and that if the weather cycle continues true to the form of the last 60 years, further restrictions may not be necessary—but only IF!

From the statistics supplied, it would appear that Government's optimism is not entirely misplaced yet it must be tempered with due caution. Hongkong knows all about the inconstancies of the weather and no amount of theorising, however plausible, will convince us that "early falls can be expected."

The plain fact is: we are not yet out of the wood. Even if we get five inches of rain next month (which the authorities say is essential to guarantee the 1,500 million gallons reserve supply for use from May possibly to July), this does not necessarily mean that the present three hours' supply can be continued.

RAIN in April may or may not signal the start of the rainy season. If it doesn't and we get only desultory showers in April with no promise of further falls in May, Government would be wise to revise its assessment and prepare for the worst.

The precaution will be essential. For it may be that the rainy season will not start until July and that will mean the authorities will have to eke out the reserve stock over a period of about 75 days which will involve cutting present consumption from about 24.2 million gallons a day down to about 20 million gallons a day. That may be regarded as an excessively pessimistic view but it would be gross foolishness to take any chances. Meteorologists and civil servants are not infallible people and they would be the first to admit it. Neither would they claim that their deductions are conclusive. At best they are only a guide.

At this period of the year, however, it is possible to say that by and large the conservative water policy and especially the zoning system "instituted" by Government last year has been of immeasurable benefit. In the second driest summer of Hongkong's history, the Water Authority succeeded in "spreading" the supply admirably to the general satisfaction of people living in all parts of the Colony. Last October the general expectation was that our "zero hour" would become apparent in the first weeks of the new year. That the crisis was averted temporarily was due in some small measure to the advent of Typhoon Pamela in November and partly also to the careful use of water by many residents in the succeeding months.

For official figures show that with the changed supply conditions after November 20 consumption increased by only about 200,000 gallons a day and despite the dry winter, a consumption of 24.2 million gallons has been consistently maintained.

This has led Government to conclude that the water supply position is "fairly satisfactory." Notice should however be taken of the qualification "fairly"; it is one guarded note in an otherwise optimistic review which should not be overlooked. At this stage, the Colony can only hope that the predictions of the Water Authority turn out to be correct and that no further cuts are necessary.

Advisers Urging Eisenhower To Defend Matsu & Quemoy

Red Invasion Reports 'Perhaps Exaggerated'

Taipei, Mar. 28. American Ambassador Karl Rankin today said reports from Washington that the Communists would attack Matsu and Quemoy by mid-April were "perhaps exaggerated."

The Ambassador indicated that while the situation in the Formosa Straits was serious he did not think war there was imminent.

He made these remarks to Columbia Broadcasting Station correspondent Bob Pierpoint in an exclusive interview today.

"I am not aware of any fundamental change in the local situation in recent weeks," Ambassador Rankin said. "The reports of military buildup by the Communists have perhaps been exaggerated since they relate to a continuation of a gradual military buildup in South China which started over a year ago."

Rankin warned however that "There are two points which should be kept in mind concerning the present Formosa Straits situation:

"One, the evidence of aggressiveness on the part of the Communists—particularly in their public statements.

"Two, seasonal changes which always make an attack more probable in spring or autumn."—United Press.

Man Admits Appalling Crime

New York, Mar. 28.

The young father of twins admitted today that he killed a rural couple and their baby granddaughter, then drove to town and back to await the arrival of their daughter from school to complete a quadruple murder, the police said.

Billy Gibbs, 22, an unemployed Korean war veteran whose wife gave birth to twins last week, revealed the crime to agents of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation at Tullahoma, 35 miles southwest of McMinnville, Tennessee, where he was rushed for safekeeping from the anger of aroused farmers. He was charged with murder.

The young farmer confessed he killed Henry Bratcher after an argument, forced Mrs. Bratcher to throw the baby in a cistern, shot her, and drove to town to sell his rifle and some of the Bratcher's meat.

He returned to the farm to wait for 10-year-old Lily May Bratcher, who came home on a school bus. Gibbs murdered the girl when she screamed at the sight of her mother's body, he was quoted as saying.

Gibbs admitted taking a pair of mules, a sow and pigs in addition to the meat from the Bratcher smokehouse and their truck. He was quoted as saying, "I guess I did not know what I was doing. I needed some money."—United Press.

Hoodlums

In invade School

New York, Mar. 28. Six young hoodlums stormed a high school classroom today, immobilized its teacher with a swinging bayonet scabbard and beat up two members of the class.

The teen-aged Negro gang leader brandished the scabbard before the teacher and told her, "Keep quiet and mind your own business." Other gang members pulled the two students from their seats and kicked and beat them.

Police said the hoodlums were believed to be a "war party" of a juvenile gang seeking revenge for an earlier ruckus.

One of the beaten boys was treated for a scalp laceration, from a paring sweat of the scabbard, but returned to school for his afternoon classes.

The invasion assault apparently was the first of its kind in a New York public school. School hoodlumism has been a concern rarely talked of and is the subject of a current-moved picture, "Boys' Town," secreted to Dr. William Jensen, Superintendent of schools, said.

His incident was "the first time I've ever heard of such a thing happening."—United Press.

Hongkong Gloves OFFICIAL PROBE SUGGESTED

London, Mar. 28.

The Worcester Glove Manufacturers Association fear that gloves imported from Hongkong under imperial preference might be partly made in Communist China and want the Board of Trade to investigate.

The association has asked Mr. G. R. Ward, Member of Parliament for Worcester, and Mr. A. E. Baldwin, Member of Parliament for Leamington, to approach the Board of Trade with a view to its sending a delegation to Hongkong to investigate the position.

An association spokesman said today that gloves imported from Hongkong were being offered for sale at less than pre-war prices.

If exporters continued to increase the number sent to this country, it would cause a reverse threat to the British glove industry and some factories might have to close down.—Reuters.

Rebel Capital Captured

Rangoon, Mar. 28. Burmese government troops have captured Papun, capital of the Karen rebel "Kawkareik State," 125 miles northeast of Rangoon. It was officially announced today.

Papun, which is situated near the Thailand border area, has been in Karen hands for the past seven years. Its fall deprives the rebels of their last stronghold.

Full details of the fall of Papun are not yet available but the government's Rangoon radio station said "Burmese troops battered their way" into the town.—Reuters.

British Govt's Anxiety

From JOHN MCKENNA

London, Mar. 28. The British government is seriously concerned over signs that the Chinese Communists are planning an all-out attack on Quemoy and Matsu for some time near the end of April, and it would like to see Big Four talks before the Reds get a chance to start.

Sources close to the Foreign Office said tonight there is every indication that the Reds will have airfields capable of handling jets ready by that time and that forces are being readied.

But they think if big power bases can be emplaced first, the Communists can be persuaded to calm their allies down.

Meanwhile there is a general reassessment of the objects of talk. Disarmament and a plan to check Red China are now top priority items.

HEIGHTENED SPECULATION IN WASHINGTON

FROM A TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Washington, Mar. 28.

Speculation continues about the situation in the Far East, heightened by a report on Saturday—apparently officially inspired—that the government expects the Chinese Communists to attack the offshore islands next month and that the United States is likely to use atomic weapons in reply.

It is still not clear what President Eisenhower will decide should the Chinese attack, but Mr. Dulles, Admiral Radford and Admiral Carney are all reported to be urging him to undertake military defence of the islands.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the President will hold his first bipartisan discussions on foreign affairs since the present Congress convened, and the threatening situation in the Formosa Straits will certainly be at the top of the agenda.—The London Times News Service.

McCarthy's Charge

Washington, Mar. 28. Sen. Joseph McCarthy demanded today that President Eisenhower say publicly and immediately whether the United States will defend the Quemoy Matsu islands.

The Wisconsin Republican charged that the President "is deliberately inviting what may be an unnecessary war" by not making known the Administration's intentions on the islands off the Red China coast.

"I believe that the Administration's failure to tell the Communists what we will do is a strategic blunder of the first magnitude," Sen. McCarthy said.

"I call upon President Eisenhower to declare before another day has passed what America will do in the event Quemoy and the Matsu are attacked."

President Eisenhower will decide whether to go to the aid of the offshore Quemoy and Matsu islands. That decision will be based on whether the Administration considers an attack on those islands a prelude to an invasion of Formosa.

Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson touched on the hot exchange when he accused Senate Republican leaders of putting pressure on President Eisenhower to fight if necessary to defend the Chinese offshore islands, and indulging in "irresponsible talk" about probable war in the Far East.

"PEACE WITH HONOUR."

Republican leader William F. Knowland reported that "the road to appeasement is not the road to peace but to surrender in the installment plan." He said, "The people desire not peace at any price but peace with honour."

They first made their remarks to newspapermen, then repeated them on the Senate floor

in a sharp debate that ranged over foreign policy problems globally past and present.

Sen. Johnson's charges of war talk were aimed at Sen. Knowland and Senate Republican policy Committee Chairman Styles Bridges. They have said that the United States should strike back if Red China attacks Nationalist-held Quemoy and Matsu islands off the China mainland. Sen. Johnson said the US does not want a "war party" or an "appeasement party."

Sen. Knowland countered that "I know of no war party in the United States. I know of no war faction in the United States."

TAKING NO ACTION

Taipei, Mar. 28. A high ranking Chinese official said today the Nationalists had not attacked Communists in preparation along the China coast even though the China civil war was still in progress.

The military officer, who asked not to be named, said the targets were within range and he said the Nationalists would like to hit them. He would not comment on why the Nationalists were not attacking these buildings.

Meanwhile, an American authoritative source, who also asked not to be named, said the Nationalists had been restrained by written agreements with the United States. These agreements he said, were contained in an exchange of letters from Foreign Minister George Yeh to American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the time of ratification of the Sino-American mutual defence treaty.

JOINT AGREEMENT

In part, this agreement said, "In view of the obligations of the two parties under the said treaty and of the fact that the use of force from either of these areas of either of the parties affects the other, it is agreed that such use of force will be a matter of joint agreement subject to action of an emergency character which is clearly an exercise of the inherent right of self defence."

The American official said the decision to hit Communist invasion preparations would be made by President Eisenhower, probably on the recommendation of US Seventh Fleet Commander Admiral Fred M. Tidwell.

According to this official, the US still held hopes for a "peaceful" solution to the Formosa crisis.—United Press.



A Terrier Gives Birth To "Kittens"

Singapore, Mar. 28.

Jenny, a year-old mongrel terrier, gave birth to three kittens and a normal puppy here last Saturday.

This strange litter is attested to by Jenny's owner, a Singapore school teacher named Roy Hendricks.

He said that this was Jenny's first litter. The one puppy is very puppylike but the other three animals have all the characteristics of kittens.

Two of Jenny's "kittens" are white, while the other "kitten" and the puppy are black with identical white markings around their necks.

We were amazed to find that three of Jenny's pups were kittens," said Hendricks, "but we are certain they are hers. Besides, Jenny normally hates the sight of cats, and she chases every one she sees, while she mothers these."

Mr. Hendricks said, "This is clearly an exercise of the inherent right of self defence."

However, the Department of Zoology at Malaya University sent down its own verdict: "impossible." The scientists say dogmatically that dogs are dogs and cats are cats—and never the twain shall meet.—France Presse.

No End In Sight To London Newspaper Strike

London, Mar. 28.

London's newspaper strike tonight moved towards its fifth day with no hint of an early settlement.

Some 700 electricians and maintenance engineers struck early last Friday in protest against a pay offer parallel to one which a slender majority of the printing unions have accepted.

Since then the massive presses of Fleet Street have remained idle and Londoners have depended on the BBC radio and television to keep abreast of world news and sports.

Condensation talks broke down last Friday but the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, told a House of Commons questioner today "the services of my department continue to be available to the parties."

Mr. Alfred Robens, the Socialist former Minister of Labour, said it was perhaps "a relief for many people not to have read the national press for a day or so."

Members' daughter died away as it was added that "con-publication over a continued period would be a very grave situation."

Already the strike has killed before birth over 72 million newspapers—including a schematic

32-day-old strike at Covent Garden, London's central fruit and vegetable market, was settled tonight and work will begin again tomorrow.

The dispute, which seriously affected supplies to the capital began over a wage claim.

About 150 night pitchers (self-employed lorrymen) went on strike for a 20 per cent increase.

Later 1,000 day porters, who move the fruit and vegetables in "wicker baskets" artificially balanced on their heads, began to go slow for another 20 shillings a week.

Last week, at a meeting of employers and trade union representatives, agreement was reached whereby the night pitchers get 10 per cent increase, and the porters a 10 shillings week rise.

Today, the agreement was put to a mass meeting of men and accepted overwhelmingly.—China Mail Special.

STILL VERY ILL

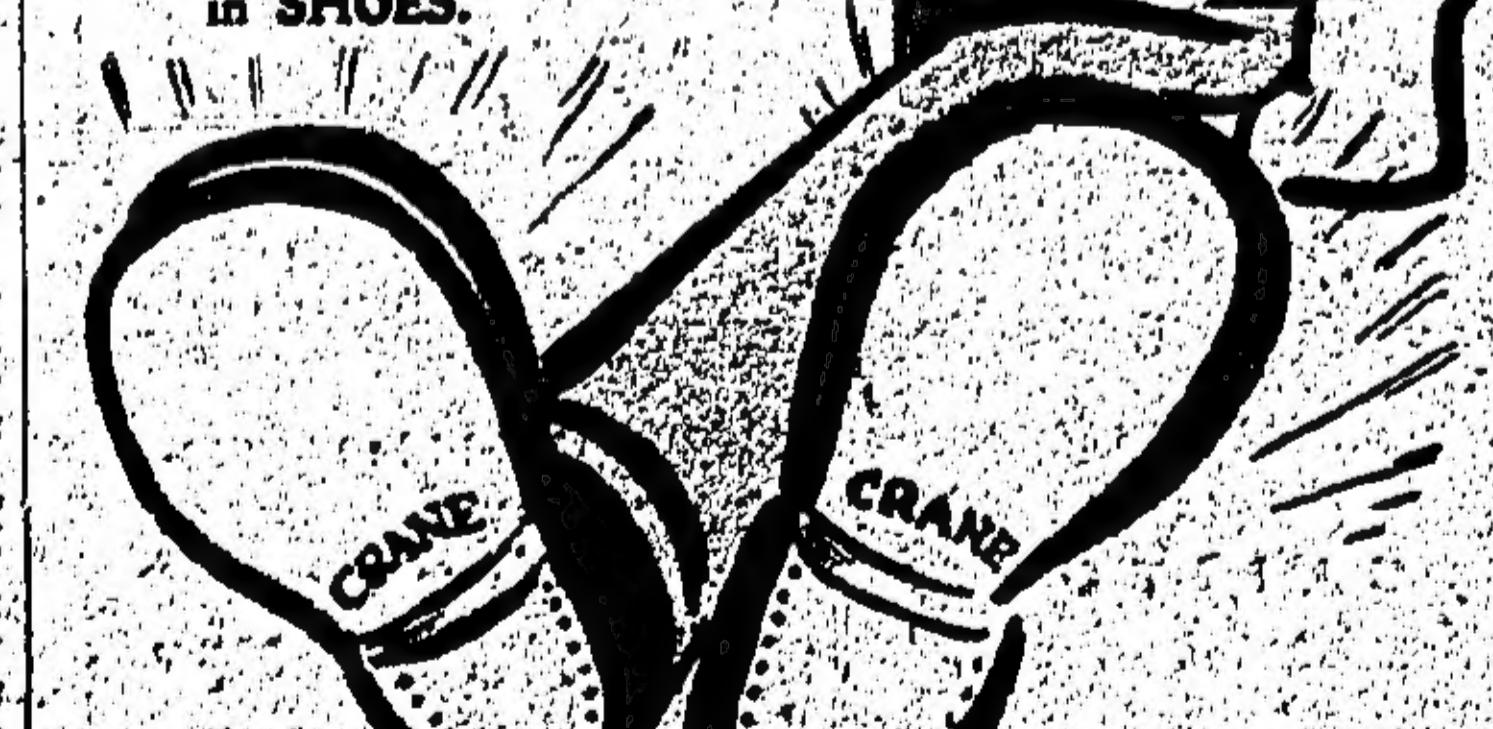
Washington, Mar. 28. Mr. Cordell Hull, 83-year-old former Secretary of State, was still on the critical list at Bethesda naval hospital today, but doctors said he had shown "slight but sustained improvement."

Mr. Hull entered hospital on Saturday after suffering a stroke.—Reuters.

Why aren't you at the office today?

—Don't think we are chiding.
Busy men like you do not get enough relaxation.

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FIVE INCIDENTS

BRITAIN'S TRADE WITH CHINA

Higher In Value But Lower In Prewar Volume

£15 MILLION ANNUALLY

London, Mar. 28.

The Board of Trade said today that Britain's trade with China totalled about £15,000,000 annually which was about one-third higher in value but less than one-third in volume of prewar trade.

The average rate of prewar trade given in official figures for the period 1934-38 was £12,300,000—the highest year being in 1937 with a total of £14,100,000.

Last year Britain's total trade with China was £15,943,253 which was £340,289 lower than the 1935 total but nearly twice as much as the total in 1950 when the Communists took over in Peking.

SLOW PROGRESS

"We are making slow progress. Our trade with China is up in value over pre-1938 levels but the volume of trade is only about one-third or less of what it used to be in prewar days," said an official.

A spokesman for the China Association, which is one of the unofficial bodies seeking to promote trade with China, said

US Airman Drove Through Soccer Crowd

Blackpool, Mar. 28.

A United States airman who drove through a crowd of spectators leaving the Blackpool football ground after a First Division game was banned here today from driving for a year.

The airman, Aircraftman Second Class Clarence Edison Givens, 20, stationed at Burtonwood, the big American base in Lancashire, was also fined £15 plus two guineas sterling costs for driving under the influence of drink.

Givens admitted the offence.—China Mail Special.

Korea Tungsten Auction

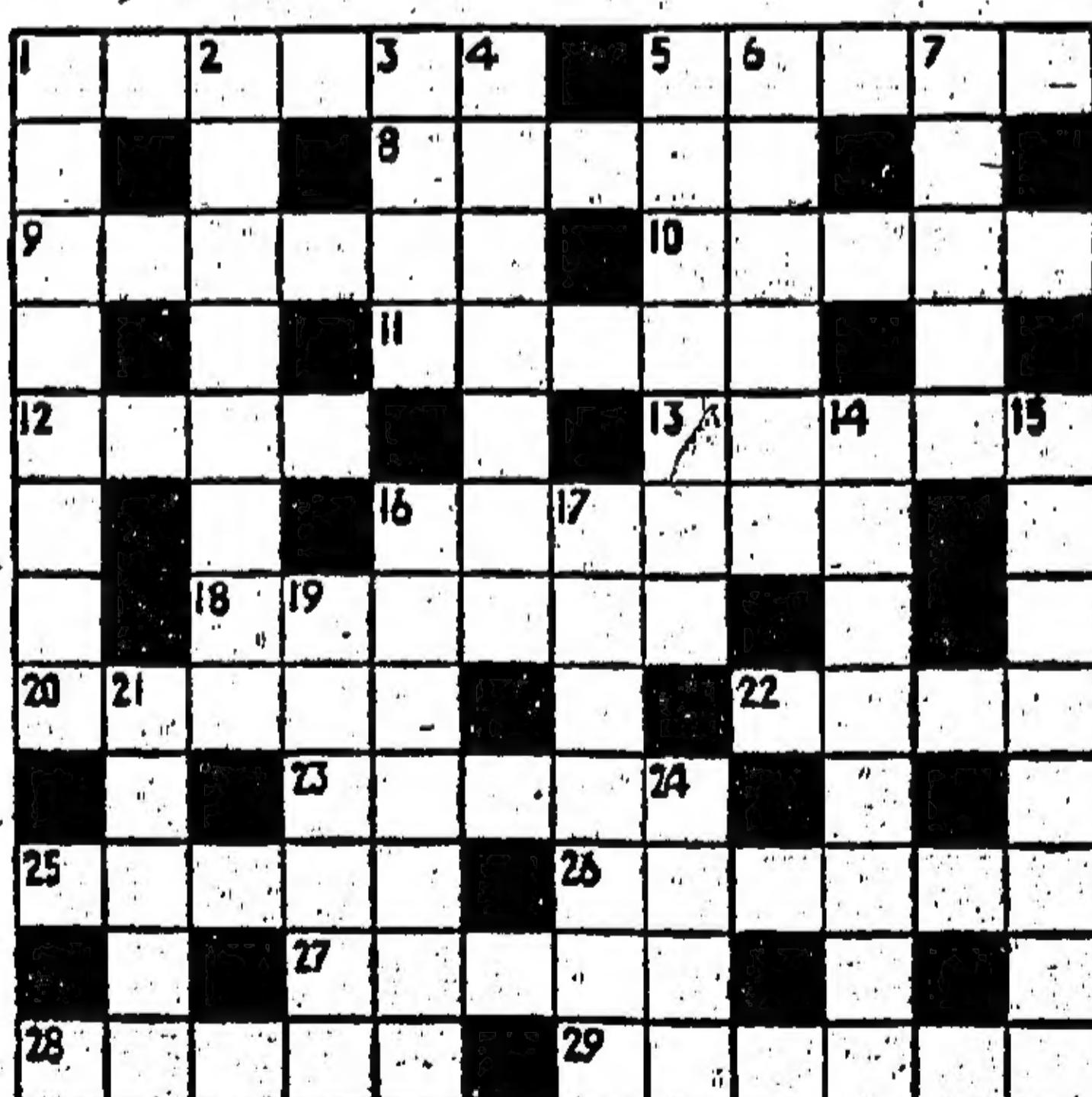
Auction

Seoul, Mar. 28.

The South Korean Government's Tahan Tungsten Corporation has announced that it will offer 300 tons of tungsten ore for sale in its fourth international auction on April 10. Bids will be received simultaneously in Seoul, New York, and London.

The Corporation sold 300 tons of ore to three New York firms—Metallock Company, Philip Brothers Company and HWA Ching Mineral Company—in its third international auction on March 8.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Negligent (6).
- Discourages (5).
- Lukewarm (5).
- Kind of cement (6).
- Gloss (5).
- Elegance (5).
- Sometimes used with a hammer (4).
- Presses (5).
- Ship (6).
- Degrees (4).
- Angler's basket (5).
- Requests (4).
- Longed for (5).
- Beverage (5).
- Governors (4).
- Tell-tale (5).
- Useful quality (5).
- Letting contracts (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Char., 7 Adam, 8 used, 9 Even, 10 Episode, 12 Sprig, 15 Trend, 16 Plan, 19 Vines, 21 Creek, 22 Item, 23 Egg, 25 Date, 28 Serious, 29 Vinyl, 31 Flair, 32 Token, 33 Zinc, 34 Zinc, 35 Addept, 37 Wrestler, 4 Haven, 5 Euan, 6 Meen, 9 Eden, 11 Orate, 13 Muim, 14 Gun, 16 Deter, 17 April, 18 Pool, 20 Mirth, 22 Ides, 24 Issue, 25 Tutor, 27 Arid, 28 Eyer.

DOWN

- Unpractical (6).
- Wedlock (8).
- Animal (4).
- Closely packed (9).
- Debt (7).
- Stick to (6).
- Portion (5).
- Shines (6).
- Has existence (8).
- Brave (7).
- More than one (7).
- Rest (6).
- Apartments (5).
- Noblemen (4).

Mr. Allan Noble, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said today the "whole question of the Fleet Air Arm in the Far East is being examined."

He was answering a request in the House of Commons for a statement on the future of the Royal Naval Air Station at Singapore.

Mr. Noble added: "The First Lord would prefer not to make any statement until this examination is completed."

Mr. John Peyton, a Conservative who had raised the matter, said there was a great deal of discontent at the air station. The matter was urgent and he hoped a statement would be made soon.

Mr. Noble said a statement would be made as soon as possible. If Mr. Peyton had any information to send the Admiralty about the situation it would be carefully considered.—China Mail Special.

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Korean Villagers Try Out Helicopters



"Dai-Ichi-Bon" — which in English means something like "unslaking" — describes the expression on the face of this local lad as he tries out the controls of a helicopter attached to the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea. "Open House" was held for the Korean villagers who were given a tour of the "Whirleybirds" by the Marines.—Express Photo.

ONE DEAD: POLICE BAFFLED

Egg-Splattered Cabin Trailer

Toronto, Mar. 28.

A man coated with shaving cream was found dead yesterday in an egg-splattered cabin trailer at Lakeview, west of Toronto, and the Police were baffled.

Mr. Charles Tessier, 47, of North Bay, died with his eyes, ears and nose plugged with foam, clutching an egg in one hand. An autopsy failed to discover the cause of death.

Mr. Frank Madeley, a once famous jockey who owned the trailer, was found unconscious near the body. His head was covered with a salad bowl that had been filled with shaving cream. One arm was in a sling and a sheet had been pinned around him. Clothes pegs were pinned to his ears.

Officials said this left about 25 per cent of China's trade to the rest of the world and there was already a "tear in it" among Britain, Germany, Switzerland, France and Scandinavian countries.

"At the best of times our trade with China was never more than about 10 per cent of its total — even in the so-called good old days," said an official.

PREWAR VALUES

Regarding the value of British investments in China, an official said there were some estimates which placed prewar values at about £300,000,000.

"It is safe to say there is nothing approaching this amount of British capital left in China. Most of the major British interests abandoned their intention of pulling out two years ago. Some of the banks are retarding their branches — but there is little left by way of capital investment," said an official.—United Press.

Mr. Madeley was not being held, but was being questioned.

The Police were called to the trailer by four waiters from a beverage room where Mr. Madeley, aged 41, had once worked.

They told detectives they had stumbled on the shambles when they went to visit the ex-jockey after attending a wedding reception. They had thought both men were in a drunken stupor at first.

The regulations to be prepared by January next in consultation with the local governments concerned would then be laid before Parliament for its approval.—China Mail Special.

WAITERS RELEASED

The Police released the waiters after questioning them. They said that Mr. Madeley was not being held, but was being questioned.

Mr. Madeley and Mr. Tessier had spent most of Saturday drinking at a hotel and in the trailer, which was opposite one occupied by Mr. Tessier's estranged wife. He married her last January and she left him a month later.—United Press.

The invitation was extended to him by President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia, it was stated.—France-Presse.

TURK PREMIER TO SEE TITO

PRIVATE BILL

TO CONTROL COLONIAL PRISONS

London, Mar. 28.

LABOUR member of Parliament, Mr. Fenner Brockway, today published his Bill for controlling the administration of prisons in British colonial territories and protectorates. The Bill, supported by 11 other Labour MPs, is due to be debated in the House of Commons on Friday, the day for private members' measures. But since it is third in a queue of bills to be discussed that day, it is unlikely to be reached.

Under Mr. Brockway's proposal the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd) and the Commonwealth Relations Secretary (Lord Swinton) would have to prepare standard regulations for the administration of penal and corrective institutions in British colonies and protectorates and in territories administered under the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

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ADM. BYRD

Pakistan Governor

Meets Cabinet

ADVICE ON CONSTITUTION

Karachi, Mar. 28.

Twenty-four hours after the Governor-General, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, assumed supreme powers in Pakistan, his Cabinet of advisers met today to consider plans for restoring constitutional government to the country.

It was learned that at a two-hour meeting the Cabinet considered a constitutional convention which is to be called within 30 days to approve the draft of the country's first constitution which has been prepared by Government legal experts under Cabinet supervision.

A Cabinet source later disclosed that the discussions had been inconclusive and would be continued tomorrow.

He said that the main problems which had to be solved before the convention could be convened were amalgamation of the provinces and princely states of West Pakistan into a single administrative political unit and the return of parliamentary government to East Bengal where more than half of the country's 78 million people live.

SCRAMBLE FOR POWER

Both problems, he added, were political and were the result of the scramble for power by rival political groups.

Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Gormani, Governor of the Punjab, who has been charged with the task of unifying West Pakistan, is understood to be negotiating with political leaders in the northwest frontier provinces, Punjab and Sind for a West Pakistan provincial cabinet which would command a majority support.

When his negotiations are completed by the Governor-General will dissolve the existing provincial barriers and set up a single government and legislature for the whole of West Pakistan.—Reuter.

Proposed

Memorial To Lloyd George

Washington, Mar. 28.

The famed polar explorer Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will lead a new American expedition which will go to the Antarctic next November to prepare United States participation in the programme planned for the international geophysical year in 1957.

A Government spokesman said the expedition will include several ships and planes.—France-Presse.

Champion

Whale Gunner

Capetown, Mar. 28.

Champion gunner of the 19 whaling fleet in the Antarctic this season is A. Jensen, who is reported to have "shot" 487 whales while working with one of the boats from the British factory ship Balaena.

Though his words carried an affectionate ring, the Prime Minister kept on an even note throughout and, unusual for him, appeared to follow his manuscript carefully.

He plunged straight into his subject, reminding the House of Commons of its "wise move" prohibiting the introduction of proposals to erect memorials until 10 years after the death of the statesman concerned.

Sir Winston Churchill commented: "Ten years is long enough to allow partisanship, passions, whether of hatred or enthusiasm, to cool, and not too long to quench the testimony of contemporary witnesses."

He said his motion was originally drafted to include that the memorial should be within the House of Parliament. But because of the views expressed to him by the Labour and Liberal leaders, he was not asking the House to preclude this.

LABOUR SUPPORT

The Prime Minister added: "When the history of the first quarter of the 20th century is written it will be seen how great a part of our fortunes in peace and war were shaped by this great man."

He said his motion suggested that the monument should carry an inscription paying tribute to the "eminent services to Britain, the Commonwealth and Empire in Parliament and in great offices of state."

Mr. Joseph Grindon, who spoke for the Liberals in the absence of their indisposed leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, said:

"We are very proud that Lloyd George lived and died a Liberal and of the things which as a Liberal he was able to do for his country."

The experiment is for scientists to determine the exact distance between a bird's nest and a member of the colony.

The motion was agreed to without dissent.—China Mail Special.

109s, 111s, 190s?

Frankfurt, Mar. 28.

Messerschmidt, Helinkel Focke and other of Germany's most famous former aircraft makers plan to resume production of powered aircraft on June 1, an official of the Aircraft Producers Association said here today.

He said negotiations with the Allied security authorities had "gone well." At the moment Allied controls do not permit the manufacture of aircraft.—Reuter.

HOW FAR DOES A BULLOCK WALK?

London, Mar. 28.

EXPERIMENTS with two Hereford bullocks wearing electrically controlled recording gear on their backs have been so successful that four more animals are to be put into the special harness this summer.

For scientists have discovered it is possible to record



the institute's staff said: "We started the experiments with two bullocks last year. This year we expect the results to be better still."

What the scientists want to know from the recording gear is the animals carry around with them is how much time is spent standing, walking, lying down, grazing, chewing the cud, and the total number of leg and jaw movements.

THE LINES

At the end of every 24 hours a roll of paper is taken out of the recording box and there is the information in squiggle lines or in straight strokes from the electrically controlled pen.

Earlier in April, the Minister of State, Mr. Anthony Nutting, told the House of Commons that the Anglo-French plan and a Soviet plan were being examined. We are continuing to narrow points of difference and clarify points of obscurity," he said.—France-Presse.

every movement an animal makes in the field.

At the Cheltenham Research Institute at Hurley, Berks, they have devised a harness with a recorder that registers every time the animal opens its mouth or takes a couple of paces.

The experiments are for scientists to determine the exact

distance between a bird's nest and a member of the colony.

Electric impulses are sent through wires operated by the animal's body every time it moves set by recording pen in motion.

THEY HAVE THREE JOBS FOR THE IRON FIST . . .

DON IDDON meets the men at whose command the H-bomb planes of the Free World would strike. The second article in an important series

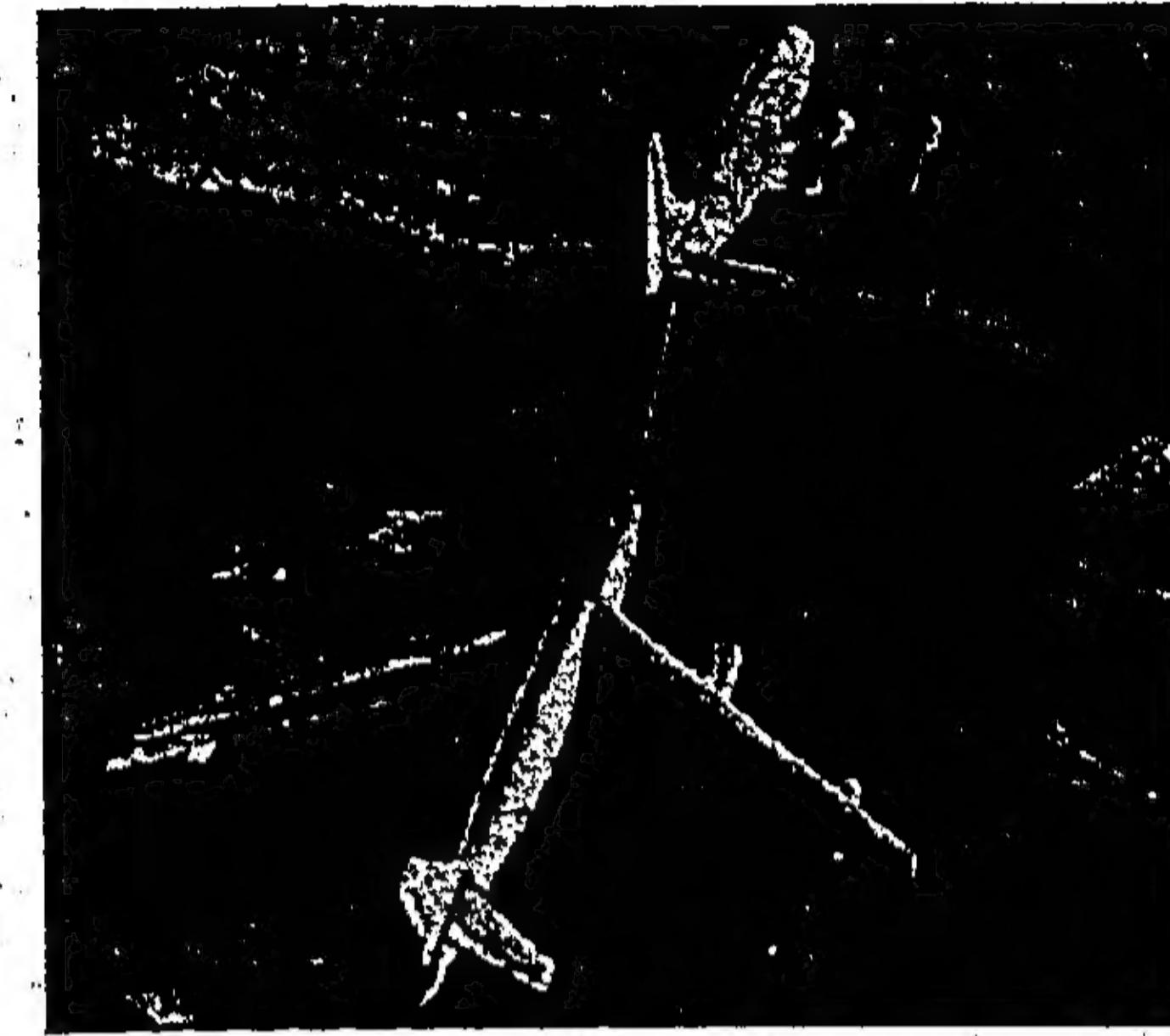
Strategic Air Command Headquarters, near Omaha, Nebraska.

I HAD been told it was easier to steal a gold bar from Fort Knox than to get into the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command here in Omaha. Frankly, I haven't found it so.

The British Embassy and British Information Services had vouched for me in telephone calls from Washington to Offutt Air Base, and when I arrived in Omaha I telephoned to Colonel Reade Tilley, Chief of Public Relations. He said: "Come along to headquarters, we are looking forward to seeing you."

So I hired a car and drove the eight miles on the good Nebraska Highway to the big base. Outside the entrance a smart-looking guard saluted and said: "The Colonel is expecting you."

I had my passport, my New York Press Card, my driving licence, and a stack of other identification papers; but I wasn't asked for anything.



Perhaps the security police had checked on my background and record without my knowing.

S.A.C. is said to be the most security-conscious military organisation in the world, and it does operate behind double fences with electrically controlled locks and under heavy guard but, as I've said, I encountered no barriers at all.

Two men are always near General LeMay himself in case of an assassination attempt; but they were not in evidence when I talked with him.

Best Days

COLONEL Reade Tilley, a youngish-looking Clark Gable, greeted me cordially and told me that he had been in the Eagle Squadron of the R.A.F. at the beginning of the war—the best days of my life in England with the R.A.F. I never had such fun. I'll never forget it."

He told me that Sir Winston Churchill's speech on the hydrogen bomb had made a great im-

pression on the officers and men here. And General LeMay told me later: "We try to keep up with political developments as best we can."

It was General Griswold, vice-commander at the hydrogen and atom bomb base, who showed me around. We had hoped into his old Studebaker, which he bought for £45 and which has done 60,000 miles, and we swung down the road past the aircraft bearing the Command crest, which depicts force through a mailed fist holding in readiness symbolic lightning bolts of destruction and an olive branch.

So we came to the men's barracks, — smart, green, wide-windowed buildings that look like a modern block of flats. They are modern steel units which have two-man rooms.

General LeMay insisted upon an expert team of instructors and sent to Japan for Jujitsu specialists.

Gruelling Task

FLYING in the modern hydrogen and atom bombers is gruelling and exacting on the body and mind. Some crews are in the air more than a time, and the toll can be considerable.

If I fly with a S.A.C. bomber group within the next week or two, which might happen, I will have to pass the medical tests and then take part in a 30-hour mission far out to sea or over the Arctic wastes before the "bombing" of an American city, which would be a simulated Russian target.

The big bombers never rest. Every three and a half minutes one of S.A.C.'s aircraft is being refuelled in the air somewhere in the world.

General Griswold told me: "There's nothing to refuelling in the air. You could do it long." (I doubt that.) "It won't be long," he added, "before commercial airliners adopt refuelling instead of taking off with a heavy load of gasoline as they do now."

Every three and a half minutes somewhere in the world this route is followed as a plane of Strategic Air Command is refuelled in the air.

works" in the first few hours in the event of war, because in the first few hours it would be at peak strength and that strength would diminish later as the Soviet hit the United States homeland with hydrogen and atom bombs—which they could do.

Almost the entire S.A.C. Force under the command of General LeMay would make what is called a simultaneous saturation strike. Here is the iron fist of the Free World, and it would be brought down with stunning force on the Soviet Union if war came.

With the new B-52, the latest giant bomber, LeMay could strike directly from the United States at Moscow or other Russian targets and fly back home. Foreign bases would not be needed.

Here is the supreme autonomy that S.A.C. seeks. And the B-52s, which can do 700 m.p.h., will be probably on the job by June. They've been undergoing tests and training flights for nearly two years.

But the B-47, with its three-man crew (the three-headed monster), remains a special favourite around here. General Griswold swears by it and General LeMay, who first was critical of it, is now a B-47 enthusiast.

LeMay likes to keep his men close to the base and not seeking the firepots of Omaha. All the men are on instant emergency call, because S.A.C. is on a perpetual war basis.

Running S.A.C. is an expensive business. It has 180,000 officers and airmen and is stronger today than it ever was. Forty percent of S.A.C.'s men are between 18 and 21 years old.

Ready To Strike

SEVENTY percent are on their first four-year hitch. Combat pilots average 32 years of age, and have had nine years in service. One man told me: "If we ever hit Russia there won't be any Russia left." He was young and a bit callow, and this is the sort of stuff the officers like.

Although General Griswold said you can't estimate hydrogen and atom-bomb forces in dollars and cents, the fixed assets of S.A.C. are \$3,000,000,000 more than the biggest American industry, which is Standard Oil of New Jersey.

S.A.C. employs about third as many people as General Motors. It represents a direct fixed capital investment of \$5,500,000,000.

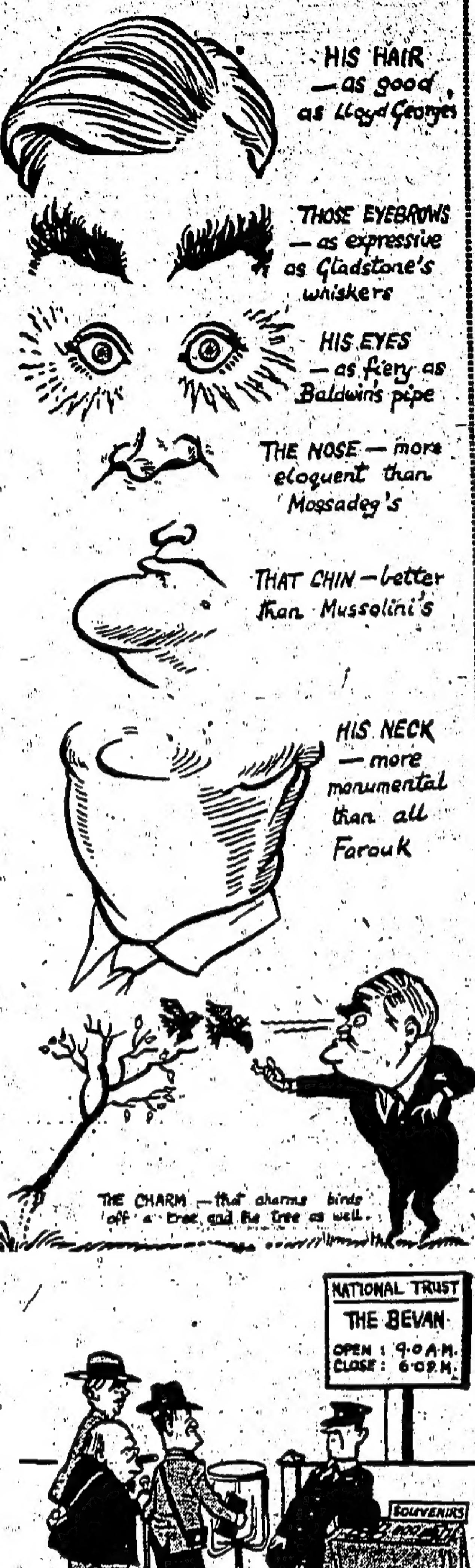
I am not including, of course, the cost of the hydrogen and atom bombs themselves.

Here at S.A.C., if the war signal came each air base would be alerted within half an hour, and within less than two or three hours the B-47s, the B-50s and, soon, the B-52s, all of which can carry the H-bomb, would quickly be ready to strike.

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TOMORROW:
Don Iddon sums up on the Great Deterrent

CUMMINGS offers his tribute to the Cartoonist's Friend in his hour of trouble



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In A Palace, In A Village, In A Valley

By John Culmer

Madrid. I HAVE just spent an afternoon at El Pardo, the small village in a valley where General Franco has set up his official residence.

As I live near the north end of Madrid, the trip to El Pardo, nine miles from the capital, is even shorter than it would be from the centre of the city, and the car I used made the journey in exactly ten minutes.

We drove past the big triumphal arch, now nearing completion—it marks the spot—at which Franco's troops entered Madrid at the end of the Spanish Civil War—swept down the broad, tree-lined boulevard that slices through University City, skirted the Puerta de Hierro, the tall, ornamental iron gate marking a road junction, and drove on through experimental gardens and nurseries lining the banks of the Manzanares River to a broad fork in the road. We turned left and, before we could realise it, were driving down the main street of El Pardo.

We drew up at a cafe—a long, low building facing the other side of the court yard, and walked towards the door. A Civil Guard duty at the gate of the palace grounds, which is on the right, told me it was closed.

an eight-foot white wall at the farther side.

I was a little startled to find that this was the wall of the palace grounds, and that the palace itself was virtually a part of the village.

Since at least one well-known Spanish guide-book describes it as "a vast edifice," I was surprised to see that the palace is, in fact, a modest building no bigger than hundreds of English country houses.

There is no grand, imposing gateway, and the side gate, which is the only front entrance, stood open.

From a short flight set at an angle above the main door an eight-foot white wall at the farther side.

In the distance I could see, on duty in front of the palace, a member of the Moorish Guard, which fulfils at El Pardo the same function as that performed at Buckingham Palace and Windsor by the regiments of the Household Brigade. As he moved his long cloak disclosed white riding breeches, above his black, calf-length boots, and he wore the dangerous-looking regulation spiked helmet swathed at its lower edge by a white cloth.

Beyond, through the open gate, I looked along the gravel drive in front of the palace to the ornamental gardens, where, worked in tiny, close-clipped hedges a few inches high, the Spanish coat-of-arms spread across a grassy slope.

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Returning to the plaza I crossed the bridge over the Manzanares, stopping to look down at groups of women washing clothes and scrubbing pots and pans as they knelt on the river bank. A duck waddled aimlessly in the shallows, and children threw pebbles into the stream.

I climbed the hill to El Cristo del Pardo, a Capuchin friary whose brown-bearded, brown-habited brethren have an impressive view across the Manzanares valley. All this undulating country, backed by the Guadarrama mountains and thickly sprinkled with evergreen oaks, is park land belonging to the palace of El Pardo. It still abounds in wild boar and deer, apart from the thousands of partridges which General Franco is said to enjoy both shooting and eating.

Although El Pardo has been rebuilt at government expense,

Middle Ages, the present building, nearly two centuries old, was the work of Charles III, who used it for the hunting trips which, apart from building, were the sole passion of his life.

A two-storey rectangular building with a small, rounded tower at each corner, the palace has three patios and a handsome inside staircase, but from the outside, with its many windows hung with grey wooden shutters, it suggests no sort of magnificence.

Sole Passion

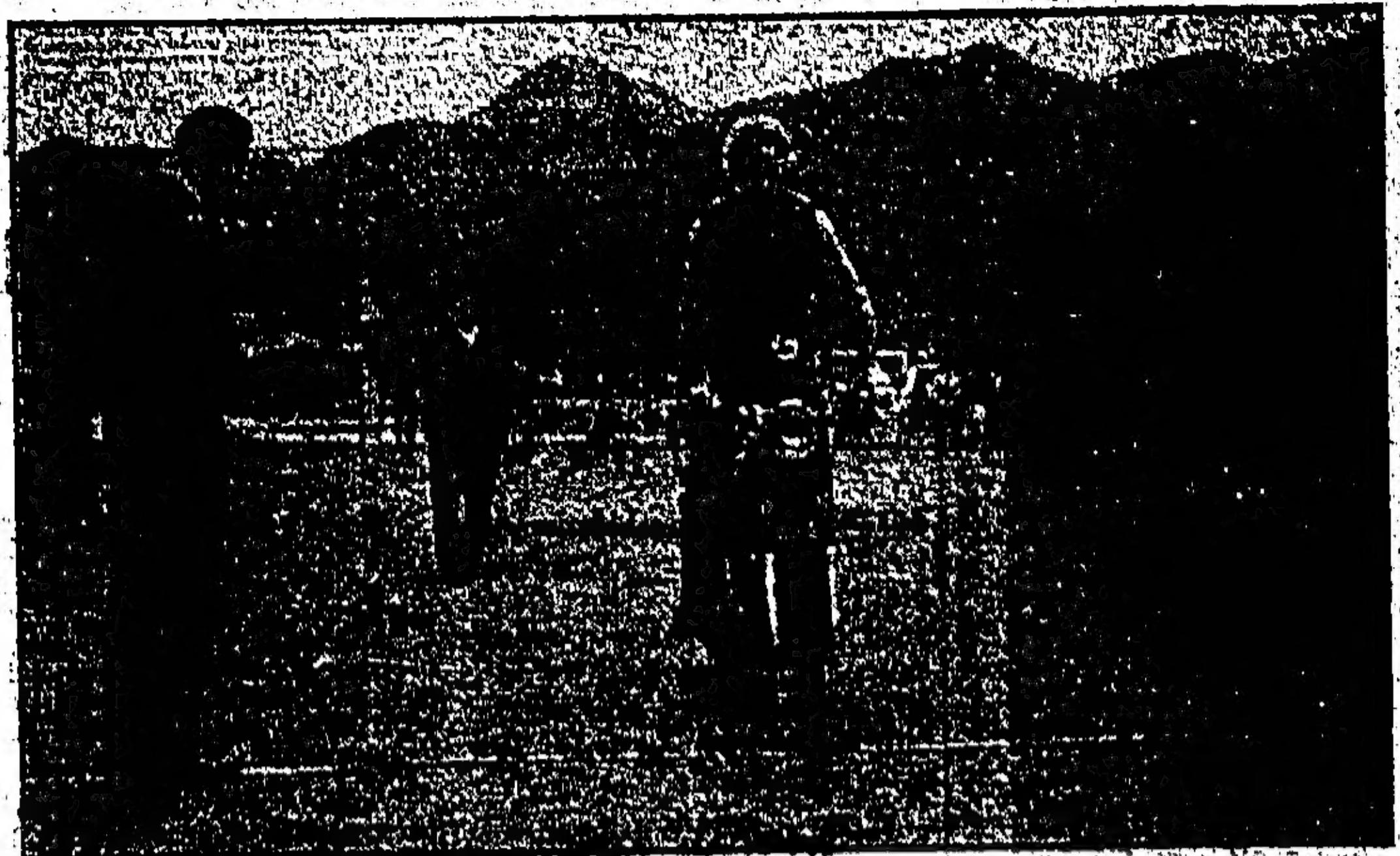
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Here Franco spends most of his time, seldom coming to Madrid except for a quick visit to the enormous Royal Palace, unoccupied since Alfonso XIII left Spain in 1931, where he receives with elaborate ceremonial newly-appointed ambassadors or to attend a benefit building or an international football match.

Although the palace of El Pardo was unharmed the village itself was virtually destroyed during the civil war and has been rebuilt at government expense.

IN NO HURRY FOR A TROPHY



Gar. Leslie winning the Slow Race at the Motor Cycle Gymkhana at Shatin on Sunday. He "crawled" the 82 feet 3 inches track in 73 seconds flat. — China Mail Photo.

HKLTA MEETING

Philippine Davis Cup Team May Play In Hongkong

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association are negotiating to invite the Philippines Davis Cup team to play a two-day exhibition match here the first week of April. This was disclosed at the LTA's Annual General Meeting held at the HKCC yesterday with Lt. Col. Harry Owen-Hughes presiding.

The Philippines Davis Cup team comprises Felicissimo Ampon, Raymundo Deyro and Johnny Jose. They are to play Burma in the opening tie of the Asian Zone to be held at Rangoon.

Should the Philippine Davis Cup team accept the invitation they will arrive in Hongkong on April 1.

The meeting decided that April 16 be the closing date for entries in the various divisions for the 1955 League competition. The competition will start on May 2.

A suggestion in writing by the Craignow Cricket Club that a three-man League Sub-Committee be formed to run the League was read at the meeting.

AUSTRALIA 515 FOR 9 AT KINGSTON

Kingston, Mar. 28.—Australia made 515 for nine against the West Indies by the close of the second day of the first test here today.

Neil Harvey (133) and Keith Miller (147) put on 224 in four hours 21 minutes for the third wicket.

Harvey hit 20 fours in a stay of just over five hours while Miller batted five hours 46 minutes and scored 15 fours.

The West Indies were without their all-rounder Frank Worrell, who tore a leg muscle on Saturday.

Spin bowler Alf Valentine, who has an injured finger, bowled for the first time today. He kept a good length but failed to worry Miller, who was eventually out to Walcott in the over before tea.—Reuters.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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Saturday, 9th April, 1955

Over 400,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 8th April, as follows:

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DAVIS CUP

PHILIPPINES LEAD 2-0

Rangoon, Mar. 28.—The Philippines took a 2-0 lead over Burma on the first day of the Eastern Zone Davis Cup tournament here today.

Felicissimo Ampon, top ranking Philippines star, beat Major Ko Ko 6-1, 6-0, and Raymundo Deyro triumphed over Captain Maung Maung 6-0, 6-2.

The Burmese players in their first International tournament were no match for the Philippines stars who completely dominated the exchanges. Re-

FA RESULTS

London, Mar. 28.—Association Football Results: League Division II: Shoreditch, 3 goals 0, League III: Crystal Palace, 1 goal 0, League United 0, Accrington 0.

ARMY'S UNBEATEN RECORD GOES AS RAF XV PUTS UP TERRIFIC DISPLAY

By "PAK LO"

The RAF, with a terrific display by their forwards, smashed the Army's unbeaten record yesterday evening in the final game of the rugger season when they deservedly won by 11 points (1 goal, 1 try, 1 penalty goal) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in one of the most thrilling games seen in local rugger for a long time.

The RAF, with a rather weak back line, concentrated on keeping the ball tight and these tactics certainly paid dividends. With McDonald and Lamb playing the games of their lives and Southwick and Sutcliffe and the rest of the RAF pack backing them up, the Airmen completely swamped the Army forwards.

When the Airmen got the odd lineout they simply crashed through an almost non-existent defence to harry the Army back line.

And in defense the Army back line turned out to be woefully weak. This is a point I have often stressed but until last night have never seen proved. Parkinson played as well as he always has done, but behind him there were poor passes and fumbles galore.

Brentford, playing his last game in the Colony, had a poor day and never settled down.

In the Army three Keir tried again and again to open the game up, but his partners were slow off the mark and, even with Patterson making the extra man, never looked like scoring.

The RAF three, hardened by their stalwart forwards while they never looked dangerous in attack, with the exception of Gammon, at least got their man every time in defense.

The Army did not cover as well as usual, and with the RAF forwards snapping up every fumble and gaining

with regard to the Macao Inter-port. There has been a tendency to treat the Hongkong-Macao Inter-port as a second rate affair, as many players as possible to participate.

Col. Owen-Hughes went on to say that the League competition was for all competitors to enjoy the game rather than for the winning trophies.

Col. Owen-Hughes stressed that the less classification of players there was in the league, the better it would be for all concerned.

Mr E. M. Pereira, of the CCC, told the meeting that there would be some sort of classification. He reasoned an instance in last season's League when a player participated in four different divisions. This brought on complaints from other players.

The solution, according to Mr Pereira was a classification of players.

Kowloon Indian Tennis Club's Mr H. Hartley put forth a suggestion that champion teams of the season should be promoted and ineligible to participate in the same division the next year.

Referring to the invitation to the Philippine Davis Cup team, Mr Pereira said that although tennis fans in Hongkong have seen some of the world's top professionals play here, there was one particular player—Ampon of the Philippines—whom local tennis followers would like to watch.

A previous attempt had failed to get Ampon to play in Hongkong, explained Col. Owen-Hughes.

Mr Pereira asked the meeting not to disregard Inter-port trials

HASHIM KHAN WINS SQUASH TITLE

London, Mar. 28.—Hashim Khan of Pakistan won the British open squash rackets title for the fifth consecutive year when he beat his younger brother Azam in the all-professional final at Lansdowne Club, London, tonight by 9-7, 7-9, 9-7, 5-9 and 9-7.

He equalled the record of the Egyptian amateur, F.D. Amr Bey.

Hashim, although conceding 10 years and suffering from a cold and strained thigh muscle in his right leg, was the better stroke player.

Both players made fine recoveries in winning two each of the first four games.

Azam was down 1-7 in the second and 1-5 in the fourth but each time Hashim seemed to tire and his brother ran out the winner.

Hashim fought back to win the first and third games after being 0-4 behind.

There was a great struggle for the final game. Hashim raced away to a 4-0 lead and had match point at 8-6, yet failed to clinch the issue. But he made certain of victory after Azam had pulled up to 8-7, winning at 9-7 for his fifth success.

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Tuesday, April 27.—Second Division: Army "A" v. Navy "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "C".

Wednesday, April 28.—Second Division: Army "A" v. Navy "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "C".

Thursday, April 29.—Second Division: Army "A" v. Navy "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "C".

Friday, April 30.—Second Division: Army "A" v. Navy "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "C".

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Monday, May 3.—Second Division: Army "A" v. Navy "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "C".

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Wednesday, May 5.—Second Division: Army "A" v. Navy "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "C".

Thursday, May 6.—Second Division: Army "A" v. Navy "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "B"; R.A.C. v. R.A.C. "C".

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TENSE MOMENT IN SHIELD FINAL



Morris at work. The Army centre-forward, renowned for his brilliant work in the air, jumps to head the ball to his inside-right, Murray (facing camera), during a tense moment in the South China-Army Senior Shield soccer final at the Club ground on Saturday.

Ko Po-keung (5) the South China pivot is being used as a "rest," while Lau Yee (3), eyes on the ball, runs in to tackle Murray. South China won the match 6-1.—China Mail Photo.

A PART from the Queen's horses, there are 35 belonging to other owners at Cecil Boyd-Rochfort's Newmarket stable. On his return from holiday Boyd-Rochfort found the horses had been well looked after by Bruce Hobbs but, as none is forward, the stable may not have any runners before the Newmarket season opens.

"I doubt whether I have anything good enough for the classic races this year," says the trainer, "unless it is MELD."

This charming filly split a pattern in the spring of last year but was able to take part in two races in the autumn.

After running second to Corporal in First October week she was an easy winner at the Houghton meeting. One of the low and lengthy type, Meld has that touch of quality which is the hallmark of the high-class thoroughbred.

A daughter of Alycidon, she is out of Daily Double, who comes from a family which has provided Lady Zia Werner with a host of winners over the years.

Meld is in the 1000 Guineas, Oaks and St Leger and it is in the Oaks that I expect her to shine.

Cup hopes rest on OSBORNE, now eight years old. He had been bought as a lousy horse for Premonition but it was the schoolmaster who proved the stouter.

After winning the Goodwood Stakes comfortably under 9st. 1lb. he finished for the season

Meld has touch of quality

by James Park

Free Handicap he was rated within 8lb. of the best of his age, which suggests he is a good colt.

There are only four three-year-old colts, and DEVONPORT has still to run. He is a big, heavy-topped colt by Alycidon and, in the hope that it might fine him down a bit, he has been schooled over hurdles as if he might not find his full strength until next year.

Now 10 years old, I expect the main task of ROMAN WAY will be to make himself useful in home gallops. But he will also be allowed to enjoy himself on the racecourse with a stable apprentice in the saddle.

ASTRAEUS is now in possession of his full strength for the first time. He is a powerful colt and is bred on lines which suggest that he will stay a longer course than he has yet attempted.

FALSTAFF II is a newcomer from France and is a well-made colt. He has not had much racing and in two seasons has had only six races of which he has won four. In the French

The three-year-old fillies may do better than the colts as, apart from Meld, there are a few who have shown ability. Sir Humphrey de Trafford owns a lovely filly in THUNDER, a daughter of Hyperion. She was lightly used in her first season and should step up on anything she has yet accomplished.

The two-year-olds are a talking lot but Boyd-Rochfort is never in a hurry. Unless they come to hand naturally, they are given every chance.

Several of the fillies took my eye. MAMOUNIA, by Chanteur II cost Mrs Elizabeth Graham 17,500 guineas in the Dewar sale. That is a lot of money to recover, but there is a sturdy look about this thick-set filly. (London Express Service)

Hilversum, Mar. 28. Mary Kok, 14-year-old Dutch girl beat the World 100 Metres Medley swimming record here tonight when she covered the distance in five minutes 47.3 seconds.

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Hungarians Are Carrying Things A Bit Too Far

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Germany are the holders of the World Cup. Germany have played "A" and "B" Internationals in England these last few months for the first time. In other words, German Soccer is rehabilitated. Now I learn that the 55 years old German Football Association has applied to the International Federation to stage the 1962 World Cup series. Argentina and Uruguay have also made application, and Russia and Hungary intend to do so.

Like countries all over the world, Germany has made rapid strides in football during the last half-century. When the Association was formed it had 2,000 players. Now it possesses 350 clubs and 1,600,000 players.

Its Secretary, Dr. Heinz Xander, of Frankfurt, told me of a curious phenomenon. He said: "Although we won the World Cup the number of our players of first grade International standard is very limited and that is why, hit by illness, we have been unable to field a satisfactory substitute team. There is a wide gap between our comparatively few highest men and the general standard."

STRANGE

Another interesting sidelight in Continental football is the announcement that several large sums have changed hands among Hungarian clubs in connection with the transfers of leading players. This is a rather strange state of affairs, to say the least, when one remembers that Hungary is due to defend her Olympic repeat Olympic title at the Melbourne Games next year. We have long been used to the pseudo amateurism overseas, but surely this is carrying things a bit too far.

But I doubt whether we shall hear any more about the matter from the International

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

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- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play, is

of the Club.

(Signed)

OPEN TABLE TENNIS

ENGLISH TITLES LIKELY TO GO TO FOREIGNERS

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Richard Bergmann enters the table tennis arena as an unknown quantity when he defends his title and the honour of England in the English "Open" championships at Wembley today.

Unknown, because although he has won the championship five times, there are no tournament results and no international form books to help assess his chances. Bergmann has only recently returned from an American exhibition tour.

Even so, this 38-year-old former World Champion is the man in whom England place their hopes. In the past Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simons have lent powerful support. But Leach has not a particularly impressive record this season, while the bespectacled Simons is but a shadow of his old dynamic self.

Youngsters Brian Kennedy, Bryan Merritt and Alan Rhodes being groomed for the World Championship Swashbuckling Cup team, lack experience.

OVERSEAS CHALLENGE

Can Bergmann retain his title? Personally I feel the overseas challenge will prove too great. Naturally, a lot depends on the luck of the draw. But I cannot see Bergmann triumphing over Czechoslovak's Ivan Andraitis, the most classical player in the tournament; or over the terrific hitting power of Yugoslavia's sponge ace Dolinar; or Tage Flisberg, Sweden's dark horse, also a sponger.

What of Australia's Lew Laza, the man who took England by storm with his peculiar sponge grip? Laza has already beaten Brian Kennedy, but lost to Merritt. Despite his brilliant form since his arrival in England last year, this is likely to be one show that will not go his way.

From England's point of view, prospects are much brighter for the women's events. Providing she can shake off the strong challenge from Scotland's Helen Elliott and Shirley Jones of Wales, Rosalind Flower should bring the singles title back to England. But the limitations of Ann Haydon, joint top seed of the ladies, and took part in only two races. He is built on attractive lines and looks the sprinting type.

The Rowe Twins, too, can be expected to march to victory in the doubles.

JUNIOR PREVIEW

No small amount of limelight, with the additional spotlight of television, will be cast by the stars of tomorrow.

Dutch Girl Breaks World Swim Record

Hilversum, Mar. 28. Mary Kok, 14-year-old Dutch girl beat the World 100 Metres Medley swimming record here tonight when she covered the distance in five minutes 47.3 seconds.

The previous record of five mins 50.4 secs was set by the Hungarian, Eva Szekely, in April 1953.—Reuter.

WORKMANLIKE HANDS

And yet she is one of the most glamorous women I have ever met.

She has oddly workmanlike hands with short, unvarnished nails and no jewellery, and it wasn't a surprise to learn that she is a spartan sculptress.

"I awakened one morning," she said, "and I suddenly knew I must do something—paint or model, but something. I went right out to the shop and bought a gizmo because she didn't know the answer, and brandished a golden fat under my nose: 'That's an impossible colour for me to wear, but I had to buy it. It got scorched inside when I lit a cigarette on it!'

She said it so matter-of-factly that I didn't begin to wonder why she put it on the lamp until she'd swept all the hats away. Then we were back on the topic of the theatre again, and when Eva Bartok talks about the theatre she's very hard to stop.

Eva loves poetry, and used to write it but not any more. She loves the memory of Budapest, where she was born,

Besides, she has a lovely voice, with just enough accent to make it intriguing, and all you want to do is listen...

International Competition Excellent Training For 1956 Olympics

Mexico City, Mar. 28. International competition, the keynote of the Pan American Games, served as excellent training for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

With the Soviet Union organising their own "National Olympics" this year, with Melbourne in mind, countries from North and South America got an early start in competitive training for the four-yearly world event.

At the close of the Games two world records, 54 Pan American records, had been broken. These were achieved despite Mexico City's high humidity and altitude, and proved that for short, events demanding a powerful burst of energy athletes could conserve enough oxygen in their blood to break through the "humidity barrier" and shatter records.

The other athletic record was set up by United States track star Lou Jones when he covered the 400 metres in 45.4 seconds. The previous record of 45.8 seconds was set up by George Rhoden of Jamaica, British West Indies at Zellikum, Sweden in 1950—France-Presse.

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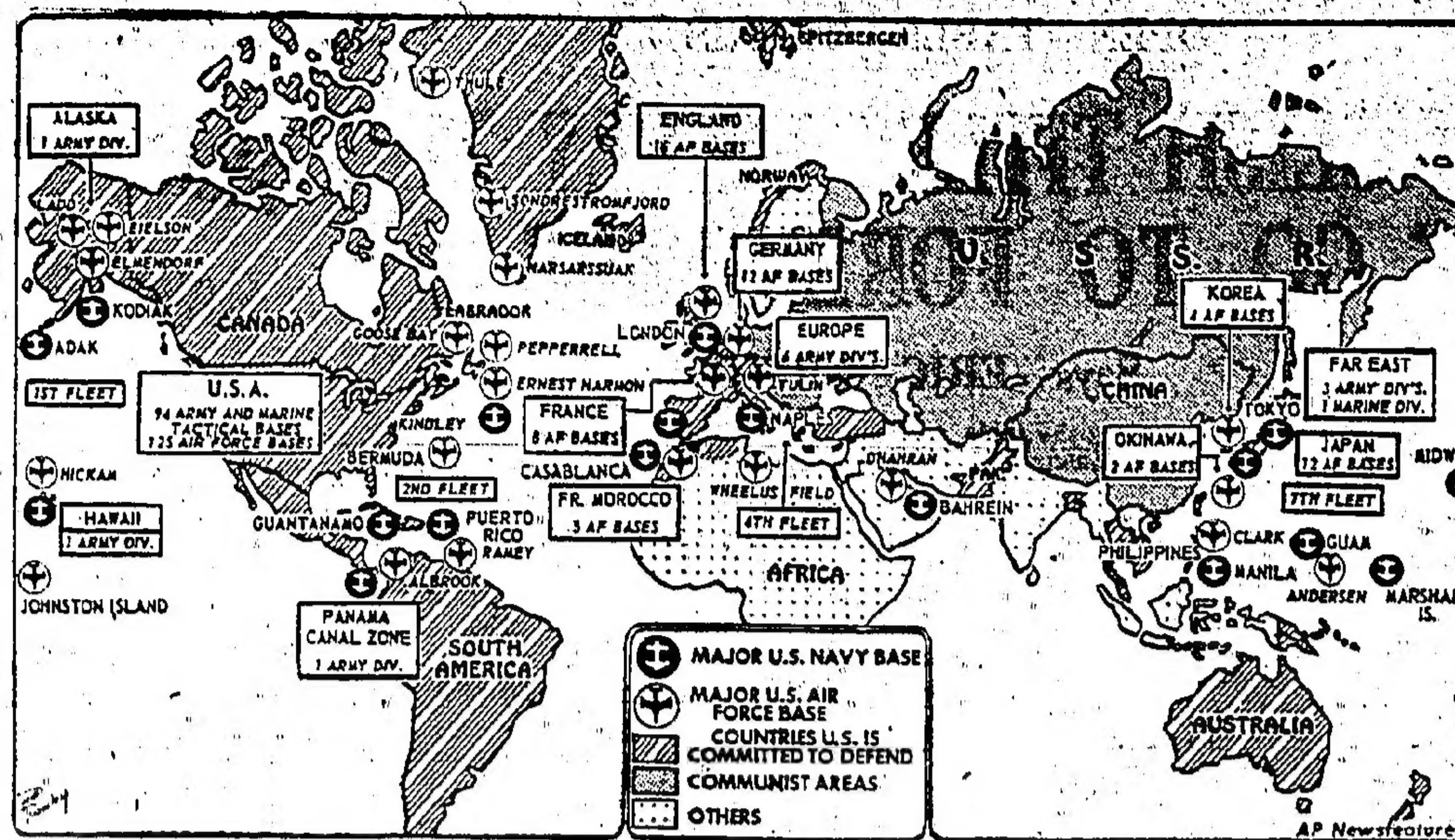
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United States Military Bases Span The World

By RAY HENRY

Associated Press Newsfeatures Writer

Washington, Mar. 28. The greatest network of overseas bases the world has ever known backs up United States' pledges to defend treaty allies.

The Defence Department lists its total overseas military installations at 950, maintained at a cost of more than 600 million dollars a year.

They are manned by some 1,400,000 men—almost half the total strength of American armed forces—and are apparently about evenly divided between Europe and the Pacific area. Security prohibits pinning down exactly how the armed forces are deployed, and a full list of the installations has never been released.

DISTRIBUTION

The accompanying map shows the distribution of the major bases and the countries all over the world Uncle Sam is pledged to defend. The heaviest American commitment is in Western Europe, where the Air Force has 17 wings at 37 bases in England, France, Austria and West Germany. Additional bases are under construction in Spain. The Army has the equivalent of six divisions in Europe, and the 6th Fleet patrols the Mediterranean with about 25,000 men and 40 ships.

Four divisions of troops in the Far East, three of them Army and one Marine. They are backed up by 14 Air Force wings flying from 20 bases and the powerful 7th Fleet, now standing by in the Formosa area.

OTHER UNITS

Other large units are located in such strategic areas as Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and Midway in the Pacific; Saudi Arabia, Tripoli and French Morocco in the Near East and North Africa; and Puerto Rico, Cuba and Panama in the Caribbean. The 2nd Fleet has as its jurisdiction the Atlantic and the 1st Fleet patrols the Pacific.

This tremendous force is maintained overseas to back up American commitments to 46 countries for their defense by the United States against possible Communist aggression. Here's a rundown of the various American pledges:

THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY—Signed in 1949, the 12 original members of this pact agreed "that an armed attack against one or more of them in

Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against all" and that they would use armed force, if necessary, to "restore and maintain the security" of the North Atlantic area. Original members were the United Kingdom, United States, Italy, Portugal, France, Denmark, Canada, Norway, Belgium, Iceland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. In 1952, Greece and Turkey joined the alliance.

THE RIO PACT—Signed in 1947, this treaty commits the United States to repel any Communist attack on Greenland, Canada, Mexico or any of the 20 nations of Central and South America.

• SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY (SEATO)—Latest of the defence pacts, this one

covers all of Southeast Asia south of Formosa. Signatories are Pakistan, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, Britain, France, Thailand and the U.S. Specifically mentioned as protected areas are the Indo-Chinese states of Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam.

Individual treaties are in effect with Australia and New Zealand (the ANZUS Pact), Japan, South Korea, the Nationalist Chinese (Formosa), and the Philippines. Although different in language, the intent of all is the same: The US will fight to keep them free.

In 1953 the United States signed a 20-year "aid-for-bases" agreement with Spain, classed as an executive agreement and not as a treaty. The United States is not committed in writing to defend Spain, but the presence of American forces there amounts to a form of commitment in fact.

GM SELLING PLANT

New York, Mar. 28. General Motors Corporation was said to have arrived at an agreement with the Indonesian Government to sell its assembly plant at Tandjung Priok, port city for Djakarta.

The plant will be sold to Government development bank.

—China Mail Special.

Too Many Laws Are All Greek To The Greeks

PREMIER ORDERS CODIFICATION

Athens, Mar. 28.

Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, the Greek Prime Minister, following the example set 1,500 years ago, by Byzantine Emperor Justinian, has ordered the general codification of the laws of Greece.

In a recent statement, he announced that he had entrusted the Ministry of Co-ordination with the huge task of codifying "at the shortest possible time," the thousands of existing Greek laws.

Like the Emperor Justinian, who, in the year 528, appointed the legal expert Trivonians to codify existing East Roman laws. Marshal Papagos has now appointed Professor Petros Vallindas, to supervise the present task of codification.

Describing the "disorderliness" of Greek legislation, Field Marshal Papagos declared:

"In addition to 14,000 unnumbered laws, there are innumerable emergency laws, constituent acts, revolutionary decisions, and decree laws which are all valid today. Interspersed, there are provisions which are often irrelevant to the context of legislative measures and, in fact, no one can know for certain what is in effect and what is not."

In Justinian's time, the Byzantine Empire was faced with a similar situation. No one knew for sure which laws were in force, whether it was the "ius," the official initial text of the laws, or the subsequent "leges," issued by the various Emperors, or the local laws of conquered national groups.

INCREASING PAGE

According to the estimates of legal experts, since Greece's liberation from Turkish rule in 1821, the law-making machine of Government has been operating at an ever increasing pace.

During the 20 years' rule of Greece's first King, Prince Otto of Bavaria, laws were issued at the rate of 50 a year. From King Otto's abdication in 1862 to the beginning of World War I, laws were issued at the rate of 1,000 a year.

Just before World War II, the annual output of laws in Greece had reached the 800 mark, and finally, during the war, the all-time high record of 1,200 laws in a year was reached. Official statistics show that some 23,000 laws, many of which contain contradictory clauses, are now in force.

"The Government," Marshal Papagos stated, "cannot remain indifferent to this confused situation, which is to the advantage only of bad citizens and perhaps also of a small number of unworthy officials who have the monopoly of the knowledge of this tortuous legislation. It is therefore my ambition to see the legislation simplified as soon as possible and made accessible to the citizens."

Professor Vallindas, who is considered one of Greece's top-most legal experts, is confident that he will be able to carry out successfully Field Marshal Papagos' brief and provide the country with a codification of its laws.

"A similar general codification," Professor Vallindas said, "has been carried out so far only in the United States. Greece, therefore, whenever codes are completed will be unique in this respect among European nations."

Professor Vallindas has previous experience at code-making. He helped to draft Greece's new "Civil code" which has been in force since 1941. In addition, he has, during the last eight months, conducted preliminary work for the codification of the laws of the Ministry of Finance. Under his supervision, some 140 civil servants belonging to that Ministry are already engaged in the task of correcting all laws relevant to the country's finance, taxation, custom duties, and so on.

DRAFT CODES

"We had to start with the compilation of a collection of all laws before drafting the codes," Professor Vallindas explained.

It is hoped that similar collections of existing laws will be completed by all Ministries within a year.

When this has been done, the work of sorting them out and codifying them will have to be completed by competent committees of experts in each branch of Government.

The next step in the Government's plan is to have the codes passed as a whole by Parliament under a special, rapid procedure provided for in Greece's Constitution.

As from the date of the issue of the new code, Marshal Papagos has announced, "not only the provisions contained in the codes but also all those which have not been included in them, will be automatically repealed."

MUCH EASIER! Professor Vallindas hopes to be able to concentrate on the drafting of codes in 10 to 12 years, which will be much easier with the help of legal experts and more efficient alike to law.

He hopes that his law code will be completed in three years.

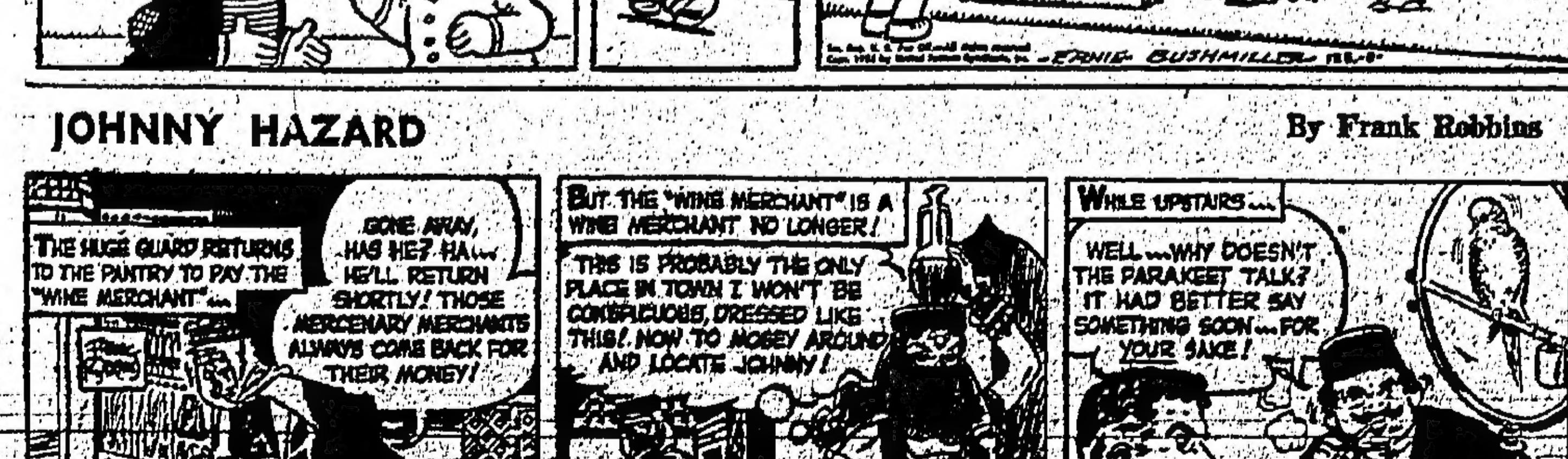
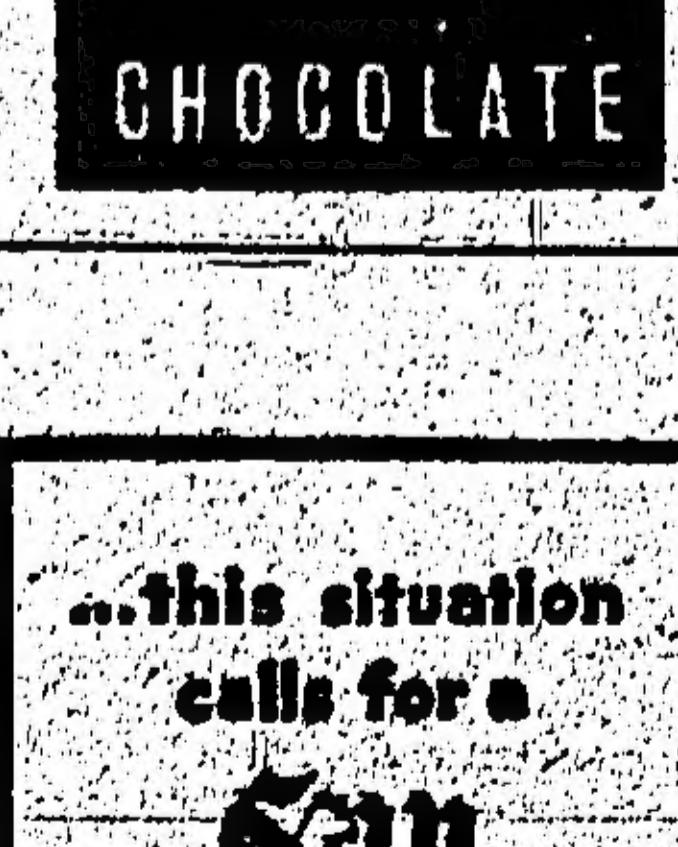
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

STOCK MARKET INVESTIGATION

(1st Phase) OVER Operators Heave Sigh And Prices Recover

By JOHN MORKA

New York Mar. 28.

The Fulbright Committee ended one phase of its probe of booming stock prices in the United States on a firm note last week.

Its Chairman stated that he found no major abuses in market practices to account for a more than 50 per cent boost in security prices in the past 15 months. He said there was no need for any urgent corrective action now.

NEW YORK

STOCK
MARKETIndustrial Leaders
Give Ground

New York, Mar. 28. Stocks turned irregular today, with rails shares featuring on the upside while recent industrial leaders gave ground.

Gains in the rails ranged to more than 2 points in Union Pacific.

So-called special issues in the industrials had gains ranging to 3 or 4 points but profit-taking was the general rule and the group lost 1.86 points on average. Utilities, too, dipped with Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line the worst offender with a loss of nearly 2 points.

Trading was at a moderate pace with turnover totalling 2,540,000 shares, the same as Friday.

1,239 ISSUES TRADED

The setback today came as the list once again approached its bull market highs after four consecutive sessions of advance. Out of a total 1,239 issues traded, there were 582 lower, 403 higher.

Whether the Fulbright hearings have been justified so far is still being debated. There is general agreement, however, that

While many of last week's strong movers backed down under realising—Douglas, Zenith, Combustion Engineering, Babcock and Wilcox, Radio Corp., Eastern Corp., or a point to more than 2 points—others continued in demand.

General Dynamics ran up more than 2 points.

A 4-point gainer was Owens-Corning up on a favourable forecast.

COPPERS RESPOND

Some coppers continued to respond to a tightening price and supply picture for the metal but others lost on profit-taking. Andes Copper featured with a gain of more than 3 points.

Oils were mostly lower.

Bethlehem, a strong leader last week, backed down nearly 2 points to stand out in a narrow steel group.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,289,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 807,000 shares. Dow Jones closing averages today were as follows:

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

30 Industrials	412.51
20 rails	150.79
10 utilities	124.08
40 bonds	100.02
Cumulative future price index	135.38

NEW YORK

Alden Inc. Ass'y.	Mar. 28
Allied Chemicals	85.54
American Chalmers	27.64
American Linen	55.52
American Metal	45.52
American Smelting	45.52
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	111.56
Bell Telephone Corp.	75.51
Boeing Airplane Co.	75.51
Cage (J. L.) Co.	105.51
Chase National Bank	25.51
Commercial Credit	40.51
Commonwealth Elec.	45.52
Cram Co.	45.52
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	131.51
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	131.51
Hannover-Penn Corp.	45.52
John Morrell Co.	90.51
Minnesota Mining	55.52
Pacific Western Oil	45.51
Standard Oil Co. (N.J.)	85.54
Southern Railway (Conn.)	85.54
Stokely-Van Camp	25.51
United Aircraft Corp.	22.51
U.S. Lines Co.	22.51

Owing to poor radio reception many of our stock prices were not received this morning—United Press.

Synthetic
Plant Leased

Washington, Mar. 28.

Publisher Industries Incorporated of Philadelphia will lease for three years the Government alcohol butadiene plant at Louisville. This plant was one of three synthetic rubber plants not sold under the Government programme to turn over plants to private industry.

Under the agreement Publisher will pay the Government \$6 for every ton of butadiene produced. The Government will receive a minimum guaranteed monthly rental of \$1,000.

According to the Disposal Commission, the Louisville plant has a designed capacity of 50,000 short tons.

Publisher will take over the plant on April 4—Editor.

EDUCATE PUBLIC

By its headlines, it has helped educate the public to look to the market as more of an outlet for long-range investments rather than as a place for speculation and "get-rich-quick" operations.

The public, it is felt, has been made more aware of the necessity of looking before leaping. Attention was focused also on the practice of market tipsters of the possible need for further controls of certain speculative issues, notably the uranium issues, which many are finding increasingly attractive for an occasional plunge.

Should market prices show no upward drive, it is felt there will be no pressure for any corrective legislation such as another boost in the margin rate.

Recently the amount of cash payment required on so-called marginal purchases of stocks was raised from 50 to 80 per cent of the purchase price.

FAVOURABLE PEAKS

However, if the boom gets out-of-hand, there will most certainly be some new pressure for further controls on credit and market practices.

Right now, American merchandising, manufacturing and financial prospects are at their most favourable peaks.

Prospects of strong earnings peak production, high dividend payments are expected to influence the market more than any other set of factors, according to observers.

Business, meanwhile, continues in an upward. There is growing feeling now that there might not be an auto strike, and that steel, auto output and construction—the big three of the US economy—might well set new highs this year.

BACKGROUND

Backgrounding this optimism are the following developments:

1. Industrial production in February operated at 132 per cent of the 1947-49 average, an increase of nine points from last year's low. March will probably show another increase with prospects of an additional rise before the second quarter is over.

2. Dividends and construction are at top levels. Dividends are about five per cent above last year's payments.

The 1954 dividend record might be surpassed by the end of 1955.

3. The strong showing of steel and autos. The outlook for favourable steel operations is being extended to the third quarter now. Therefore, predictions were confined to the second quarter. Mills are swamped with backlog reportedly piling up in the industry. New industries are beginning to show in the pickup in steel demand, intensifying competition for available finished products, Iron Age magazine notes.

GREATEST PERIOD

A top steel spokesman, Mr. Benjamin Fairless, Chairman of the US Steel Corporation, No. 1 in the United States, sized up the American economy as follows: "I personally think that we are on the threshold of one of the greatest periods of prosperity that this great country of ours has ever known."

Auto, likewise, are enjoying a boom. Production continues at record levels, with no indications of American buying resistance to date. The auto and related industries—by way of illustrating their importance to the American economy—turn out about one-fifth of the country's gross national product. These industries employ 1.5 million people. News Week magazine noted in a survey: Cars and trucks consume 85 per cent of all petroleum, 26 per cent of steel, 84 per cent of malleable iron, 42 per cent of lead, 75 per cent of plate glass, for example—United Press.

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Prices of futures closed today as follows:

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Prices of futures closed today as follows:

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United Press

New York, Mar. 28.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead 5.48

May 5.50

June 5.50

